

# IRIS AUSTIN

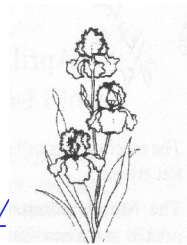
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Website: [http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa\\_index.html](http://www.kenfuchs42.net/isa_index.html)

**an Affiliated Society of the American Iris Society in Region 17 (Texas)**

<https://www.irises.org/> <https://www.irises.org/about-ais/regions-affiliated-societies/region-17-affiliates/>

submittals to the newsletter should be emailed within twelve days following the ISA monthly meeting



## Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025  
6pm meeting/program  
Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

**Hospitality:** Tracey Rogers  
**Program:** Rhizome Sale results

## ISA Rhizome Sale

Saturday September 6, 2025  
Zilker Auditorium

Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746  
may need to pay for parking

<http://www.zilker garden.org/>

## 2025-2026 ISA Officers

Jaime Hadley - President

Donna Little - Treasurer

Marney Abel - Membership

Dara E Smith - Secretary

Audrey Baker - Programs

Tracey Rogers (until Oct 2025) - AAGC representative

## Region 17 2025 meeting

August 1-2, 2025

Abilene, Tx

Registration Deadline: Forms **Postmark no later than July 1, 2025**  
or the first 75 paid registrations. Late registrations MAY be accepted  
on a limited basis if approved by organizing committee and subject to  
a \$10 late fee with no guarantee for goody bags.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 16**

See copy of form emailed by Tracey at end of this newsletter



## 2025 American Iris Society National Convention

Billings Montana, **June 02-07, 2025**

**Iris Under the Big Sky**

<https://bigskyirisclub.com/2025-ais/>

Hosted by: BIG SKY IRIS CLUB

## 2026 American Iris Society National Convention

<https://ais2026convention.org/>

May 18-23 New Jersey & New York

## 2027 AIS Convention - Oklahoma City

April 27- May 1 (tentative)

Please officially submit rhizomes between August 15 –  
October 1, 2025. Complete instructions for shipping  
guest iris appear in IRISES, the Bulletin of the American  
Iris Society, Fall 2024, page 31.

**Iris Society of Austin Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2025 1-3 P.M.**  
**Dara Smith- ISA Secretary**

Meeting was called to order by Dara E Smith in the absence of Jaime Hadley. There were 9 members present. This Sunday afternoon meeting was the first for the ISA held at a local library branch Ruiz Branch Library, 1600 Grove Blvd.

Welcome and introduce any new members. There were no visitors or new members present.

- Are there any members we need to be thinking of or caring for? - Joe and Nelda Moore are in our thoughts.

- Minutes from the April 2025 meeting were sent via email from Jamie Hadley. Any comments or corrections? None. Vote to accept - no opposition. Minutes Approved. Notes from Jaime will be published in the Newsletter.

- Minutes from the March 2025 meeting can not be located and were likely copied over and lost.

- Treasurer's report given by Donna Little. Ending April 2025 balance: \$12,616.52 includes expenses for show related items; reimbursement for Judges mileage, lunch and also AAGC membership dues and rhizome order. Vote to accept - no opposition, Report Approved

- The Currently Presiding Board Officers were installed as presented and voted on by the members present. Nominations were open to the floor. Audrey Baker volunteered to be in charge of Programming.

The ISA 2025 - 2026 officers are:

Jaime Hadley - President

Donna Little - Treasurer

Marney Abel - Membership

Dara E Smith - Secretary

Audrey Baker - Programs

Tracey Rogers - AAGC representative

- National Convention Monday June 2, 2025 - Saturday June 7, 2025 in Billings, MT

- Spring 2025 Show Report from Jaime Hadley was presented and award Certificates were handed out. Thank you to all our participants and volunteers and congratulations to all the winners!!!

Minutes (continued)

- Region 17 meeting will be held in Abilene, TX August 1-2, 2025. Registration form is online. Instagram: big\_country\_iris\_society and on the Facebook page. Registration deadline is July 1st, 2025.

- ISA Sale will be Saturday September 6th, 2025 at Zilker Botanical Gardens auditorium meeting room. Advertising ideas: Tracey will script a bit for the radio program. Shirley suggests we produce some content for a podcast. Send a pre-sale announcement to the email list.

- Any new business? Ken Fuchs has signed off as co-editor, co-writer and publisher of the ISA Newsletter with the most recent May 2025 issue (Vol. XXV #5). Ken has been doing this job for the ISA since March 2015. We thank Ken for all of the effort to make this 'behind-the-scenes' duty always be entertaining and informative. Debbie Hood will pick up with the publishing and our goal is to get a newsletter sent before July 1st to have the registration form and reminder for the Region 17 meeting in August. Please send all your photo and content contributions to Debbie so that it can be shared in future newsletters. Newsletter is published 10 times a year. Ken will continue to update content for the email list and the website if someone will send him the information that needs to be added/changed/ or posted.

- Tracey has submitted our requests for a meeting room and we will know sometime in mid Summer what dates have been approved for the rest of 2025-2026 meetings and show.

- Next scheduled ISA Meeting is at Zilker auditorium: Tuesday September 9th, 2025 @ 6pm

- Thank you to Audrey Baker for sharing a fresh harvest of basil from her garden today!

**Iris Society of Austin Meeting Notes  
from Jaime Hadley**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM CT  
Zilker Botanical Garden Center  
2220 Barton Springs Rd  
Austin TX 78746

There were no visitors nor New Members present

We are sending healing and caring thoughts for - Joe and Nelda Moore

Minutes from February meeting printed in the March newsletter - no one was sure

Treasurer's report. deposit for memberships \$72,  
\$135.04 for hotel for judges training - ending balance  
3/14 13,238.67

National Convention Mo 6/2 - Sa 6/7, Billings MT

Spring Show was Sunday April 6

- Everyone paid for lunch - Audrey collected for 9 people there were 3 judges and 2 left over
- There were 58 Horticulture entries
- Jaime read the list of winners, but certificates will be handed out in May
- There was discussion about Tracey's show notes email from 4/7

Nominating Committee - We asked if anyone wants to be an officer for next year, there were no responses. Carolyn moved we keep the same officers, vote was unanimous to do that.

**Meeting Notes (continued)**

Jacky Roberts has his garden all set up and invited people from Waco down to look at it. Donna decided to join in and show hers as well.

- Tuesday 4/15 folks will meet at Jacky's around 11 or 11:30 and tour his garden, then from there go on to Donna's

- Jacky is at 151 Twin Springs Rd, Georgetown parking inside the gate,

- Call Jacky @ 512-657-1030 to let him know who you are and that you are coming so he can prepare

- Also text Donna @ 512-970-0804  
1612 Crocket Gardens

**Next Meetings**

- Tuesday, May 13, 6pm
  - Ruiz Branch Library, 1600 Grove Blvd, Sun 5/18, 1-3p. No food, just your own drinks.
- Tuesday, September 9, 6pm
  - Or should we look for a Library?

**New Business**

- Audrey said maybe AAGC will come up with some sort of way to give a coupon to entice people to pay for parking

Program - there was no program



**Thank You Ken** for all your support for the Iris Society of Austin, including the newsletter for the past 10 years.

Ken Fuchs sipping his ginger ale at the 2015 Portland Iris convention. (left)

As the 2006 ISA Awards Chairman, Ken Fuchs tallies entry tags next to the flag for the Iris Society of Austin (framed by Pat Byrne for the 2006 show). The flower illustrated is "Beverly Sills" (right)



**Tracey Rogers emailed information regarding AAGC meeting notes on 5/13/25**

She said she volunteered to be on an AAGC committee meeting in August to reconsider the amount of dues charged to clubs with adjustments being made to clubs that contribute plants to the beds in Zilker. If the plants we planted in the iris beds were purchased, it would be more than what we pay in dues. ***For the new fiscal year starting in October 2025, someone else will need to be the AAGC representative.***

Tracey included copies of the documents from the meeting as well as the volunteer forms to be filled out for April-June tasks. The forms help with using the Zilker facilities. If you don't want to fill out the forms, email information to Tracey. Tracey can submit the forms with information in July. **The final report is due July 22, 2025.**

Tracey submitted the ISA meeting schedule request beginning with October 2025 meeting as the 3rd Sunday as the first choice and the 2nd Tuesday evenings as the 2nd choice. She will not receive confirmation until the end of June if the request was accepted.

Iris Society of Austin will need to schedule another workday to clean the last of the bloom stalks.

Contact Karen Kalegis reports.aagc@gmail.com if you are interested in being secretary or treasurer for AAGC. They haven't had a secretary in 2 years. They meet 4 times a year.

The next AAGC Board meeting is Sept9, 2025. The AAGC Executive Committee will present the dues recommendation for FY2026. In August, they will bring together clubs to discuss concerns.



**Tall Bearded Iris 'Fully Charged' (Michael Sutton, R. 2022)  
blooming in Austin, Tx April 2025**





# American Iris Society: Region 17

August 1-2, 2025



## "Abilene, Abilene, Purdiest Irises I've Ever Seen"

hosted by The Big Country Iris Society  
Garrison Campus Center of McMurry University, 2292 McMurry Court,  
Abilene, TX

**Check in is 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday. Events conclude on Saturday around 8:00 p.m.**

Hilton Garden Inn, 4449 Ridgmont, has a limited block of rooms. Use this **RESERVATION LINK** prior to July 1 for a special rate that includes made-to-order complimentary Saturday breakfast, or call for "AIS Region 17" rooms at 325-690-6432.

**Deadline: Postmark no later than July 1, 2025 or the first 75 paid registrations.**

Late registrations MAY be accepted on a limited basis if approved by organizing committee and subject to a \$10 late fee with no guarantee for goody bags. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 16, PLEASE.**

**PLEASE PRINT - Fill out one form per person attending.**

Name to appear on name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch/dinner

PRICE

TOTAL

Adult Registration

\$65

=

Youth Registration (younger than 19 on 8-1-25)

\$55

=

**LATE CHARGE, if postmarked/emailed after July 1.**

\$10

=

**GRAND TOTAL (Registration + Late Charge, if applicable)**

**FRIDAY Dinner**

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Tacos, beans & rice

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Vegetarian (Mac 'N Cheese)

**SATURDAY Lunch**

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Croissant Sandwiches

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Vegetarian (Tossed Salad)

**Dinner**

☐

Beef Lasagna, strawberries/cream

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Vegetarian pasta

**Tea and Water are served as meal beverages, and you are welcome to bring your own favorite soft drinks for meals and snacks. Starbucks coffee also served on Saturday morning.**

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**

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Gluten Free

☐

Lactose Intolerant

☐

Diabetic

☐

Other - please describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

☐

Wheelchair/scooter/cart

☐

Cane/walker

Payment:

☐

CHECK - Make Payable to **Big Country Iris Society**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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CREDIT CARD

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VISA

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MASTER CARD

For Credit Card payment, please supply this required information:

Card holder's name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing zip code \_\_\_\_\_

CVV# \_\_\_\_\_



**Send registration info with payment to:** Pug Parris 2309 Glenwood Drive Abilene, TX 79605  
(325-829-9618 & leave message) or pparris@mcm.edu